

## SLEMP CLAIMS GAINS

G. O. P. Chairman Says Both Parties Hurt by Apathy.

## INCREASED VOTE IN CITIES

Virginia Republican Chairman, Commenting on Election, Says Kent Carried Two Congressional Districts—Roanoke Headquarters Will Be Kept Open Permanently.

"Both parties suffered fearfully from apathy, but I think the complete returns will show that the Republicans made slight gains—carried two Congressional districts and increased their votes in the cities."

This was the comment yesterday of Representative Bascom Slemp, who led the Republican gubernatorial campaign in Virginia as State chairman. Mr. Slemp said he does not care to discuss the election in detail until the complete returns are in.

Mr. Slemp said that the Ninth district, the Republican stronghold, gave Kent 270 majority, while the indications are that the Fifth gave him about 100. He said it would take the official count to determine the result in the last-named district.

## Big Vote in Cities.

"In Roanoke we polled over 1,000 votes, while Mann carried Staunton by only 16 and Winchester by 33. The Republican vote, compared with the vote given Lewis four years ago, shows increases in Bristol, Richmond, Roanoke, Radford, and Staunton—in fact, nearly all the Virginia cities."

"We had a hard fight on our hands. Just think, opposed to us were thirty-five daily newspapers in Virginia, and we did not have one daily paper, with wide circulation, to support us. In spite of these overwhelming odds, I am confident the complete returns will show slight gains."

## Getting Ready for Next Year.

Mr. Slemp declared that the Virginia Republicans intend to keep open their State headquarters at Roanoke permanently and that George L. Hart, secretary, will be in charge. This step, he said, is done to plan for the Congressional campaign next year, when they are confident of capturing two districts and hopeful of four.

One of the hottest fights will be in the Fifth district, now represented by Judge E. W. Saunders, of Rocky Mount. Judge Saunders carried the district last fall by less than 100 majority, with Floyd County, a Republican garden, out of the district.

When Gov. Swanson was in Congress from the Fifth he always carried it, with Floyd included, by anywhere from 2,000 to 3,000. The Republicans are confident of carrying this district next fall. The fight in the Sixth will also be waged with vigor by the Republicans in an effort to oust representative Carter Glass, of Lynchburg. Glass is the man who made the attack upon Capt. W. P. Kent, the Republican candidate for governor, in the recent State campaign.

## TROLLEY LINE SOLD.

Cumberland and Westernport Company Bought by New Yorkers. Special to The Washington Herald.

Cumberland, Md., Nov. 7.—Controlling interest in the Cumberland and Westernport Electric Railway, running through George Creek mining region and touching nearly all towns between Cumberland and Westernport, has been sold to Henry L. Doherty & Co., 60 Wall street, New York, negotiations being concluded yesterday.

The controlling stock was held by Carlton L. Bretz, general manager of the Cumberland and Pennsylvania Railroad, who purchased it in his own right four years ago. It is understood that the purchase of the controlling stock involved about \$200,000.

The line, which has been in operation seven years, is valued at \$1,000,000. It was a money-maker at the start, and since Mr. Bretz has controlled it \$150,000 has been spent in improvements. Its physical condition, it is stated, is not excelled by any trolley system in the country.

## SHOT FROM AMBUSH.

Kentucky Farmer Found in Dying Condition by Road. Lexington, Ky., Nov. 7.—Friends of George Searles, a prominent farmer in Letcher County, to-day found him in a dying condition beside the road not far from his home.

He was unconscious and was unable to give a clue as to who shot him. Search of a neighboring clump of bushes showed where the murderer had lain in ambush.

For My Troops at Laurel. Special to The Washington Herald.

Laurel, Md., Nov. 7.—Troops C and D, Fifteenth Cavalry, and their mounted band from Fort Myer arrived here this afternoon from Baltimore. They will spend the night here and leave tomorrow at 7 o'clock for Washington. The troops camped here on Friday night in their march to Baltimore, where they took part on Saturday in the unveiling of the bronze monument in Druid Hill Park in commemoration of the bravery and heroism of the Maryland men who fought on land and sea for the preservation of the Union in the civil war.

Lynchburg Church Dedicated. Special to The Washington Herald.

Lynchburg, Va., Nov. 7.—The Dedication of the new church of the Christian Church in Lynchburg, dedicated this afternoon, the dedicatory sermon being preached by Rev. Preston B. Hall, of the faculty of the Virginia Christian College. The church has a membership of seventy, and is a thriving little suburban congregation.

Italian Killed in N. & W. Yards. Special to The Washington Herald.

Roanoke, Va., Nov. 6.—Stephano Margillo, an Italian, employed in a Norfolk and Western roundhouse at Roanoke, was run down by a yard engine to-day and killed. The body was badly mangled.

A WORD ABOUT PLUM PUDDING AND MINCE PIE.

The finishing touch to a real old-fashioned Thanksgiving dinner is a hot plum pudding or mince pie. To have the zest and piquancy so prized by our forefathers, they must have a touch of good brandy. To-Kalon Brandy sharpens the richness of plum pudding and mince pie, and gives a tingling finish to the Thanksgiving feast.

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## ROB AND THEN LYNCH VICTIM.

Criminals Leave Wealthy Oklahoman Hanging from a Roof.

Oklahoma City, Nov. 7.—The dead body of Roy D. Gannon, aged thirty years, a wealthy real estate man, was discovered by his girl stenographer at 3 o'clock this afternoon hanging from the roof of the fourteen-story office building known as the Campbell Building.

Gannon had been dead several hours and the police are confronted with the most mysterious Southwestern crime in recent years. A package containing \$1,000 in currency, which Gannon carried from a bank at noon Saturday, is missing.

After Gannon was beaten into insensibility a noose was formed from a piece of rope and with the aid of a piece of iron the rope was twisted about his neck, almost severing his head. The secret service department is seeking a blond woman with whom Gannon was seen on the streets here in an automobile late Saturday afternoon.

Gannon came here several years ago from Lexington, Ky., and was one of the leading real estate men of Oklahoma.

## READY FOR FLORISTS' SHOW

Exhibition in Old Masonic Temple Opens This Afternoon.

Thousands of Chrysanthemums and Other Blooms Will Be Shown Throughout the Week.

Old Masonic Temple has been undergoing a transformation in the last few days, in anticipation of the annual show of the Washington Florists' Club, which opens this afternoon, and the result is an assemblage of plants and blooms exceeding in beauty and rarity any previous collection ever assembled under one roof in Washington.

The efforts of the florists, which during the early years of the existence of the club were more or less modest, have steadily advanced, and the results of this year's exhibit, which will be thrown open to the public this afternoon, will be a liberal education in floriculture to all who avail themselves of the privilege of visiting the show.

In addition to the collection to be loaned by Mrs. L. Z. Letter and the two exhibits loaned by the United States government, there will be \$10,000 worth of cut flowers, palms, ferns, and rare plants of many kinds.

There are thousands of American Beauty roses, double chrysanthemums, dahlias, carnations, and costly palms, the whole presenting an artistic arrangement representative of the combined ideas of the best decorators the Capital affords. George Cooke, whose skill has for years been called into play in the decorations for the quadrennial inaugural ball, will have general charge of the decorative ensemble.

The Washington Florists' Club was organized in 1892, according to Mr. Smith, who has been in charge of the Botanical Garden for fifty years or more. It was known as the Botanical Club. Later it assumed the name of the Horticultural Club, which ten years ago became the Florists' Club. Annual exhibitions have been given for the last ten years, but none have been so elaborately planned and so magnificently supplied as that of 1909, which begins to-day. Last year the show made expenses, and so it was decided to make it an annual affair lasting a week.

The officers of the show have invited Mrs. Taft to visit the exhibition some day this week. She manifested great pleasure at the chrysanthemum show in the government greenhouse, and the promoters of the florists show believe it will have an equally great charm for her.

## SHOWS VIEWS OF AFRICA.

Fred Niblo Entertains Large Audience at Columbia Theater.

The last of the series of Fred Niblo's lectures delighted a large audience at the Columbia Theater last night. "Africa, from Cape to Cairo," comprising a vast territory and including much of the route chosen by Col. Roosevelt, was vividly described by Mr. Niblo. The great gold and diamond mines for which Africa is famous, and the Kaffir miners at work, were thrown on the screens.

A picture of 5,000 Chinese coolies, who posed especially for Mr. Niblo, was displayed in the most wonderful way, the largest waterfall in the world made a picturesque scene, being presented both with the beautiful colored slides and the cinematograph.

All the customs and dances of the different tribes of Africa were realistically described by the aid of motion pictures. Missions were shown trying patiently to teach the savages civilization, and many other evidences of the white man's energy. The lecture concluded with a trip through the Suez Canal to Cairo.

Miss Cryder had as guests in one of the boxes Mme. Marchesi and a party of friends. Mme. Marchesi will give a concert at the Columbia on Wednesday.

## DR. BLACKWELL CHOSEN.

Heads Association of Colleges of Southern States.

Charlottesville, Va., Nov. 7.—The fifteenth annual meeting of the Association of Colleges and Preparatory Schools of the Southern States, which began at the University of Virginia Friday morning, came to a close last night. The following officers and committees were chosen: President—Dr. R. E. Blackwell, president of Randolph-Macon College, Ashland, Va. Vice president—Prof. J. R. M. Armstrong, of Ames Scott Academy, Decatur, Ga.; Prof. Julius P. Wright, University School, Mobile, Ala. Secretary and treasurer—Frederick W. Moore, dean of the academic department, Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.

Executive committee (in addition to the president and secretary)—Prof. Bruce R. Payne, of the University of Virginia; Clarence B. Wallace, principal of University School, Nashville, Tenn.; James H. Rickard, chancellor of Vanderbilt University, Nashville, Tenn.; Alfred Hume, vice chancellor of the University of Mississippi, University, Miss.; Prof. R. C. Brock, Trinity College, Durham, N. C. Uniform entrance examination committee—St. George L. Sienest, dean of the University of the South, Seaside, Tenn.; C. H. Barnwell, dean of the University of Alabama, Tuscaloosa, Ala.; William Hughes, co-principal of Brimham and Hughes School, Spring Hill, Tenn.; Prof. J. L. Henderson, of the University of Texas.

Locomotive to Burn Oil. Philadelphia, Nov. 7.—Two of the largest passenger locomotives ever built have been turned out by the Baldwin Locomotive Works for the Santa Fe Railway for service between Seligman, Ariz., and Needles, Cal. One of the engines is now en route to its destination. It is built to burn oil and will, without its tender, weigh 35,650 pounds.

New Line to Panama. Boston, Nov. 7.—It is announced that the United Fruit Company, of this city, will establish a line of fast passenger steamers between New York, Jamaica, Colon, Panama, and Santa Maria.

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## FRED J. MILLER DROPS DEAD

Real Estate Operator Expires Suddenly at His Home.

Well Known in Masonic Circles, and for Years Had Been a Member of Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Frederick J. Miller, forty-one years old, dropped dead at 8:45 o'clock last night in the parlor of his home, at 122 Girard street. Heart disease is supposed to be the cause of death.

Mr. Miller had been talking in the parlor with his wife during the evening. He arose to go to his bedroom and had taken a few steps when he fell to the floor dead. Arrangements for the funeral have not been made.

Mr. Miller was the owner of considerable real estate in Washington, and occupied his time solely in managing his interests. He had no children. His sister is Mrs. Anna Herrmann, wife of August G. Herrmann, the well-known bottler.

Mr. Miller was a member of Dawson Lodge, F. A. A. M., of Columbia Commandery, Ruth Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, and of the Mystic Shrine.

For years he had been a member of the Fourth Presbyterian Church, and had taken a lively interest in charitable projects connected with that congregation.

## ASSASSINATED NEAR HOME.

Indiana Man Victim and Woman May Be Involved.

Mishawaka, Ind., Nov. 7.—Enoch Highshew, a well-known man of this city, was assassinated while driving to his home. His body, with a bullet hole in the back of the head, was found by his son.

The police are attempting to connect a well-known Mishawaka woman with the assassination. The woman theory immediately was taken up by Mishawaka and South Bend detectives for the reason that only a short time ago Highshew was involved in an affair.

The assassination took place three-quarters of a mile from the Highshew home.

**MAKES BLACKMAIL CHARGE.**

Treasurer Warnier Accuses Several Former Railroad Employes. Cincinnati, Nov. 7.—The arrest of several former Big Four employes in connection with the shortage of Treasurer C. L. Warnier is predicted here to-night by railroad men in a position to know. It is expected that at least one arrest will be made early to-morrow.

Mrs. Jeanette Ford, said to be a friend of Edgar S. Cook, whom Warnier charged with blackmail, could not be found in her apartments here to-day. It was rumored that she had left the city.

Mrs. Ford's affairs with wealthy men have attracted much attention of late years. It is said she squandered a fortune of \$65,000, left her by her parents, who were prominent residents of Portsmouth, Ohio.

## TOBACCO MARKET QUIET.

Dry Season Responsible for Light Demand.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Lynchburg, Va., Nov. 7.—The sales of tobacco in Lynchburg last week aggregated \$4,300 pounds, a decrease of 2,000 pounds, when compared with the previous week. The sales for the season aggregate \$55,400 pounds, which is more than 10,000 pounds in excess of the average sold at this time in the past decade.

Danville, Va., Nov. 7.—Owing to the continued dry weather, the sales during the past week on the Danville tobacco market were light. The offerings for the past week have been of a good, medium character in body, color, and other qualities, with a noticeable absence of good to fine wrappers. The brokers for foreign manufacturers, except for the larger corporations, appear to have fewer and smaller orders than usual at this season. Heavy receipts are not looked for until there is a good handling season. Speculators appear to be buying very sparingly.

## FERTILIZER PLANT BURNED

Imperial Company, of Norfolk, Suffers Big Loss.

Naval Magazine Located Near Factory, and Big Explosion Was Feared.

## Special to The Washington Herald.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 7.—The main building and wharf of the Imperial Company, a fertilizer manufacturing concern, owned principally by L. A. and J. E. Young, its president and vice president, were completely destroyed by fire which started about 2 o'clock this morning.

With the building was destroyed the stock of fertilizer in it. The loss will be between \$40,000 and \$50,000. It is covered by insurance.

The plant of the Imperial Company was located at Money Point, on the southern branch of the Elizabeth River, across the river from the United States naval magazine, and fears for the safety of that were entertained, but the magazine was in no danger.

**Rev. Dr. Battle Given Welcome.**

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Charlottesville, Va., Nov. 7.—Rev. Dr. Henry Wilson Battle, who recently accepted a call to the High Street Baptist Church, of this city, began his pastorate at that church to-day. Addresses of welcome were made by Mayor E. G. Haden, Dr. Charles W. Kent, of the University of Virginia; Dr. Furman H. Martin, of the First Baptist Church, and Dr. Henry E. Johnson, of the First Methodist Church. The welcome to the High Street church was delivered by J. A. Gilmore.

**Engineer Kessler Dies.**

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Roanoke, Va., Nov. 6.—W. R. Kessler, a Norfolk and Western Railroad passenger engineer, died at the Roanoke hospital to-day following an operation for appendicitis. He was forty-two years old and leaves a wife and two daughters. He was one of the most popular engineers on the road.

**Lincoln Shower Planned.**

At a special meeting of the board of lady managers of Georgetown University Hospital, Friday evening, it was decided to give a tea and "linen shower" Thanksgiving Day, from 4 to 8 o'clock in the afternoon.

## WOODS GROOMED FOR RACE

Roanoke Jurist May Oppose Representative Glass.

Friends Want Him to Enter Contest. Says He Knows Nothing of It.

Judge John W. Woods, the Roanoke jurist and business man, is being groomed by his friends in the Sixth Virginia district to oppose Representative Carter Glass for the Democratic nomination, according to news reaching Washington.

For some time opponents of Mr. Glass have been looking around for a man to oust him from Congress. First they had Attorney John Lee, the celebrated criminal lawyer of Lynchburg, as a receptive candidate. Mr. Lee reneged. Next State Senator Don P. Halsey, a nephew of United States Senator Daniel, was talked about. Halsey stated, in an interview, he has Congressional aspirations, but did not say when he would take a try for Glass' job.

Now the Roanoke jurist is being mentioned to undertake the job of uncoupling Mr. Glass from the National Capital. His friends, it is said, are waiting for his announcement, and if it comes a merry fight between two men, who know how to make the sparks fly in a political campaign is on the programme for Virginia.

It is also stated that the Roanoke Times, one of the influential papers of the Sixth district, will vigorously support Judge Woods. Mr. Glass has had no opposition in the Democratic party for some years.

Roanoke, Va., Nov. 7.—Judge John W. Woods, president of the City National Bank of this city, an who for many years was on the Corporation Court bench of Roanoke, when asked to-night about the report that his friends were grooming him as a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Congress from the Sixth district, replied that he knew nothing whatever of the matter.

## Pretty Wedding at Laurel.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Laurel, Md., Nov. 7.—A quiet, but pretty wedding was celebrated this afternoon at 4 o'clock, when Miss Barbara May Ludtke, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. August Ludtke, of Laurel, and August Horst, of Baltimore, were married at the home of the bride's parents in Post-office avenue. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Herbert P. Richards, pastor of the Fulton Lutheran Church. Owing to the death of the bridegroom's mother, the wedding was quiet and witnessed only by the immediate families. Following the ceremony, a reception was given at the home of the bride's parents after which Mr. and Mrs. Horst left for a Northern trip.

## Cruisers Return to Norfolk.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Norfolk, Va., Nov. 7.—The armored cruisers North Carolina and Montana, which went from the Norfolk Navy Yard to New Orleans to help welcome President Taft to that city, returned to the yard at 8 o'clock this morning. They were undergoing repairs which hurried off to the South. Repairs will now be completed. They will drop down to Hampton Roads on November 23 to join the other vessels of the Atlantic fleet which will assemble there at that time preparatory to winter practice.

There is no extra charge for want ads telephoned to The Washington Herald. The rate is 1 cent a word for all wants.

## CLASSMATES HONOR JUDGE.

Rock Hill College Alumni at Banquet to C. W. Heusler.

Baltimore, Nov. 7.—A dinner was given Judge Charles W. Heusler Saturday night at the Hotel Bennett in honor of his election to the Supreme Bench Tuesday. It was attended by a dozen former classmates and friends of Judge Heusler at Rock Hill College.

The host was Mr. George G. Muth, and the principal speaker was Mr. Dyrast McMullen, of Philadelphia, a member of the Rock Hill College Alumni Association, of which Mr. Heusler, of Philadelphia, who also attended the dinner, is president.

Mr. Muth was the toastmaster, and nearly all of the gentlemen around the board extended congratulations to the guest of honor and wished him success in the judiciary.

## VIRGINIAN DISAPPEARS.

Before Dropping from Sight He Wires for Parents.

Dover, Del., Nov. 7.—Harry L. Cox, an optician, rushed into the Hotel Richardson yesterday afternoon, checked his overcoat, left two grips, and then disappeared.

Early to-day his parents reached Dover from Newport News, Va., with two telegrams, each reading as follows: Thomas Cox, Newport News, Va. Come to me quickly. Answer by telegraph.

The parents came so quickly that the older Cox stopped not to change his mechanics' clothes. But the younger Cox had disappeared and could not be found to-day.

## ROANOKE SIGNS PLAYERS.

West Virginia and Virginia Men Landed by Champions.

Special to The Washington Herald.  
Roanoke, Va., Nov. 7.—It was officially announced this evening that the Roanoke Club, of the Virginia State League, has signed the following players for next season:

W. H. Willis, a pitcher, of Ansted, W. Va.; Carl Short, a pitcher, of Elk Horn, W. Va.; Harry Jenkins, a southpaw pitcher, of Shenandoah, Va., and Bert Fisher, a catcher, who last season was behind the bat for the Decatur team in the Three-I League.

Willis was recommended by Molly McMahon, of the Elmira, N. Y., team, a former star player on the Roanoke team. Dallas, Tex., tried hard to get Willis, but Roanoke landed him.

Jack Lawler, last season's manager for Macon, Ga., and who next year will manage the Richmond club, was considered for the managerhip of the Roanoke team last season.

## Big Blaze at Durham.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Durham, N. C., Nov. 7.—Fire this morning destroyed the Beck grocery store and damaged the business block in which it is situated to the extent of \$20,000. The blaze originated in a garret of the building and smoldered a long time before the firemen could reach and fight it. The cause of it was not determined. The insurance is less than half of the damage.

## Engineer Fatally Hurt.

Special to The Washington Herald.

Hinton, W. Va., Nov. 7.—Engineer Dan Halloran, aged fifty, and B. P. Hoover, fireman, aged thirty years, were injured in a freight derailment on the Chesapeake and Ohio Railroad, near Hawks Nest, this evening. Halloran died in the Hinton hospital. He had a wife and six children. Hoover will recover.

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## RETREAT FOR WOMEN ENDS.

Sociality at St. Patrick's Church Recelves 125 New Members.

The retreat for women at St. Patrick's Church closed yesterday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, when about 125 new members were received into the Sociality of the Blessed Virgin with impressive ceremonies. Rev. James T. Smyth, director of the organization, presided. The sermon was delivered by the Passionist missionary, Father Roberts. The service closed with solemn benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Dr. Russell officiating, and bestowal of the papal benediction by Father Roberts.

At 7:30 o'clock in the evening the opening service of the retreat for members of the St. Vincent de Paul Society and League of the Good Shepherd took place, practically the entire membership of the League of the Good Shepherd being in attendance. Father Roberts conducted the exercises and preached the sermon.

## Enchere for This Evening.

An entertainment and enchere will be given this evening at National Rifles' Armory, under the combined direction of the Knights of St. John and the Ladies' Auxiliary.